

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph immediately following paragraph [0021]:

[0022] FIG. 8 is a sectional perspective view of the rotor of Fig. 6 illustrating the magnetized and non-magnetized portions of permanent magnet material.

Please amend paragraph [0039] as shown below:

[0039] In some construction, a magnetic or non-magnetic through-shaft extends through the center hole 70 of a respective rotor 50. To reduce or eliminate leakage magnetic flux from the magnetized permanent magnet material 62 toward a magnetic shaft, a sleeve of non-magnetic material may be positioned radially inward of the permanent magnet material 62 and radially outward of the magnetic shaft. In one construction, as illustrated in FIG. 7, a through-shaft assembly including a magnetic shaft 58a and a non-magnetic sleeve 58b surrounding at least a portion of the magnetic shaft 58a is utilized. In other constructions, at least a portion of a circumferentially surrounding portion of permanent magnet material 62b may remain unmagnetized to act as a non-magnetic material. For example, Fig. 8 illustrates a construction in which the circumferential portion 62b (cross-hatched in an X-pattern) is substantially non-magnetized, while the spokes 62a are magnetized.